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SUBJECT: SALT AND CTB

REF: NEW DELHI 7474

1. CONVERSATION WITH PRIME MINISTER'S PRINCIPAL SECRETARY SHANKAR VERY ENCOURAGING, PARTICULARLY SHANKAR'S VIEW THAT U.S. AND SOVIET ACCEPTANCE OF THE PRINCIPLE OF INSPECTION UNDER A CTB AND SALT II MIGHT BE REGARDED BY DESAI AS SUFFICIENT CONCESSION TO MEET HIS REQUIREMENT OF RECIPROCAL INSPECTION RIGHTS. FOLLOWING INDICATES PROBABLE INSPECTION ARRANGEMENTS.

2. IN SALT II, LIKE SALT I, THERE IS NO PRINCIPLE OF IN-
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SPECTION; VERIFICATION WILL BE BY NATIONAL TECHNICAL MEANS. ON THE OTHER HAND, IT IS PROBABLE THAT CTB WILL CONTAIN PROVISION FOR CHALLENGE ON-SITE INSPECTION PROCEDURE UNDER WHICH ANY PARTY (INCLUDING ANY NON-NUCLEAR WEAPON STATE PARTY) WILL HAVE RIGHT TO REQUEST AND, IF REQUEST ACCEPTED, RIGHT TO CARRY OUT INSPECTIONS ON TERRITORY OF ANY OTHER PARTY (INCLUDING NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES). THUS, NUCLEAR

POWERS WILL, IN FACT, BE ACCEPTING PRINCIPLE OF INSPECTION
AS APPLIED TO THEMSELVES AND ON A NONDISCRIMINATORY BASIS,
VIS-A-VIS NON-NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES.

3. IN ADDITION, UNDER CTB, NUCLEAR POWERS WILL JOIN OTHER
TREATY PARTIES IN INTERNATIONAL SEISMIC DATA EXCHANGE.
WHILE NOT "INSPECTION," THIS ARRANGEMENT WILL INVOLVE
TRANSMISSION OF DATA FROM WHICH TERRITORIES OF NUCLEAR
POWERS AND DATA WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO ALL TREATY
PARTIES (NON-NUCLEAR AS WELL AS NUCLEAR STATES). IN
EFFECT, NON-NUCLEAR PARTIES WILL BE HELPING TO MONITOR
COMPLIANCE OF NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES.

4. YOU SHOULD CONVEY ABOVE TO SHANKAR AND SUGGEST THAT HE
DISCUSS THIS MATTER WITH DESAI PRIOR TO DESAI'S VISIT TO
U.S. NYE AND OTHERS WILL BE HAPPY TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER
IN MORE DETAIL WITH SHANKAR AFTERNOON JUNE 12 AS SUGGESTED
IN REFTEL. CHRISTOPHER

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